NOTE XL.

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW GNOSTID.

BY

J. R. H. NEERVOORT van de POLL.

Diplocotes niger, v. d. Poll.

Supra niger, subtus pedesque picei. Caput fortiter punctatum, antennarum articulis 2—10 *moniliformibus, subaequalibus, articulo ultimo ovato. Prothorax lateribus pone medium valde incisis, profunde longitudinaliter striolatus, impressione curvata postmediana profunda, in incisionem lateralem utrinque terminata. Elytra ovalia, globosa, ad basin prothoracem paullo angulosa superantia, subtilissime punctato-striata. Subtus sparsim, femora crebre, punctata.* — Long. $2^1/_2$ mm.

Hab. Australia. — In mus. nostro.

Shining, upper surface black, under surface and legs piceous. Head coarsely punctured; the 2—10 antennal joints moniliform, about of equal size, the terminal joint ovate. The prothorax is deeply incised laterally below the middle, strongly striolated in a longitudinal direction, intermixed with a few large punctures, with a deep curved impression below the middle, which ends into both the lateral incisions. Elytra ovaliform, globose, surpassing the prothorax at the base angularly, very obsolately punctate-striated. Beneath sparingly, the femora thickly punctured.

The antennae of this species do not agree with Westwood's generic description: »*articulo* 10° *incrassato, ultimo parvo, fere rotundato*". I suppose Westwood's type to be a ♂ specimen, whilst the specimen now under consideration may be a ♀.

This species differs from *D. Howittanus* Westw. by its larger size, black colour, faintly punctured elytra, without bristles, etc.